

STATESMEN'S CHUMS.

THE VALUE OF PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP IN A PUBLIC CAREER.

Senator Hill Has No Intimate Friends. Senators Palmer and Peffer Make Chums of Their Wives—The President and Gresham—Reed and Crisp.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—In these times, when so many public men are falling out one with another, when bad feeling and testy tempers are all too prevalent, it is a genuine relief to look on the other side of the picture and note the friendship of statesmen. There is something innate in the human consciousness which leads mankind to seek confidential relationship with some one of his own rank and sex. This is true of men as well as of women, but so far as the observation goes the difference between the friendship of men and the friendship of women is that the former lasts much longer. They are trees of slower but sturdier



CRISP AND CATCHINGS—CHUMS. Growth and can stand many a storm, while the friendships of women are too often overturned by a breeze that comes very far from being a cyclone.

There are but few men in public life who do not follow out this common aspiration of their species. Here and there is one who pursues his way alone, unblemished by the confidence of his fellows, moody, solitary, peculiar, more or less unhappy. Such a one is Senator Hill. For some reason, which no one has yet quite fathomed, the New Yorker does not seem to be desirous of forming any warm friendships in the senate chamber. Though the rule in that body is for every man to have one or more chums, Mr. Hill apparently feels quite strong enough to get on alone. This does not mean that he is without friends, or that he has no one to talk to on the floor or in the cloakrooms. But, so far as can be discovered, his friends are more or less distant friends. In all the lot there is not one close, confidential companion of David Bennett Hill.

Senator Peffer's Chum. Senator Peffer is another who seems able to get along without a male confidant. Mr. Peffer is gloomy and peculiar so far as outward appearance goes, but he has an intimate friend, one that sticks closer than a brother. It is Mrs. Peffer. She and the long whiskered statesman from Kansas are inseparable. She serves as his private secretary. When he is in his committee room, she is with him. When he is on the floor, she waits for him outside. When the luncheon hour comes, they lunch together. They are companions on their way to and from the capitol and during many leisurely, aimless walks about the city. No scene on the streets of Washington is more common than that of Senator and Mrs. Peffer walking slowly along—he with big, dark goggles over his dark eyes, and she nimble and active, apparently serving in the capacity of mentor, friend and guide.

Another senator whose wife is his chum is the venerable Mr. Palmer of Illinois. Senator Palmer was about 70 years old when he married Mrs. Hannah Kimball of Springfield, Ill. It has proved a happy match, despite the sneering of the busybodies. Mr. Palmer is a giant almost in size, while Mrs. Palmer is a little bit of a woman, but full of life and energy and an invaluable assistant to him in all his work. She accompanies him nearly everywhere he goes. Almost any day she may be seen at the capitol building, her husband or helping him with his work in his committee room. She says she has to go along to take care of the old senator, but he laughingly retorts that she has not as yet become accustomed to life in a big city and dare not trust herself out of his sight amid so many temptations in such a wicked city as Washington.

Old Time Friendships. Even presidents feel the need of having near and comfortable friends. General Hayes had for his intimates while in the White House Secretary Sherman, William McKinley and General Henry C. Corbin, now the assistant adjutant general in the army. Hayes was always fond of McKinley, and not a little of that gentleman's rapid rise in the political world has been attributed to the help which President Hayes gave him. General Arthur's chum was Senator Jones of Nevada. It was to Jones' house on Capitol Hill that Arthur came when he arrived in Washington to be president. He and the genial Nevada man were inseparable companions. They dined, drove and sat up nights together.

President Garfield's nearest friend was none other than James G. Blaine, an example which President Cleveland is following in making his secretary of state his favorite cabinet officer. Cleveland and Gresham are like boys together. Their relations are of the most easy going, informal sort. It is currently reported that they are even chummy enough to swear at one another at times, and certainly they have had enough to swear about during the last few months. Gresham and Carlisle are also cronies, and the two of them fit in pretty well together with the president, but Gresham is obviously the favorite at the White House. When the new cabinet came into office, people generally expected Cleveland and Bissell and Cleveland and Lamont would be the cronies, but for some reason or other that expectation has been disappointed. While it is still true that Dan Lamont is a man on whom General Judson the president pretty heavily leans, and that Lamont can come nearer "handling the old man," as we often put it in Washington, with our local irreverence for greatness born out of our familiarity, Dan and Grover are far from being the chums they were in the old days.

Gresham's Attractive Personality. Secretary Gresham, just now generally regarded throughout the country as the member of the cabinet in the most unenviable position on account of the Hawaii fiasco, has the rare quality of making friends of nearly all the men with whom he comes in contact. Even the men who most bitterly denounced his international ideas or who most bitterly denounced him for wrapping parties in the middle of the stream are confessed to as men they have nothing but affection for him. He is one of the men who appear to cast a sort of spell about those who rub up against them. Blaine had this quality to a marked degree, though in a little different way. Blaine magnetized, hypnotized more men than any other great publicist we have had in this country since the days of Ay-

drew Jackson. He was fond of making the very men who once hated and despised him bow under the influence of his subtle charms, and there are many known instances of his success in this direction. Indeed it is considered certain by those who are familiar with the facts that if Mr. Blaine had not been so fond of exercising his magnetism on his enemies, making friends and advisers of them to the neglect, more or less, of his older and truster friends, he might have gained the summit of his ambition—the presidency of the United States.

As for Secretary Gresham, it is rather odd that a man personally so popular should be in such bad luck politically or in his official capacity. A curious instance of Gresham's ability to charm men on whom one would naturally suppose he would exert no influence whatever is found in the case of Senator Murphy of New York. Two men more unlike it would be difficult to imagine, and Murphy came to Washington sneering at Gresham and determined to have nothing to do with him. The two men chanced to live at the same hotel, and of course they met. In a few weeks the sneering had become a firm friendship, and more enthusiastic admirer, than the "machine made" senator from New York.

Reed Cronies With Hitt. Ex-Speaker Reed is a big man physically and mentally and sufficient unto himself, yet even he feels the need of a chum and finds him in Congressman Hitt. The two men are like brothers. An odd thing about this friendship is the fact that while Reed and Hitt were cronying, Hitt was one of Blaine's most intimate friends, and Reed and Blaine hated each other like poison. Now comes Joe Manley, the new head of the executive committee of the national Republican party. He makes no disguise of the fact that he is for Tom Reed for president in 1896, just as he used to be for Blaine. It does not take the average politician long to exchange one party or one warm friend for another.

Speaker Crisp has his chum, just like the most inconspicuous member of the house over which he presides. Crisp's fidus achates is T. C. Catchings of Mississippi. Mr. Catchings is a companionable, alert, shrewd man. He was a manager of the campaign which landed his friend in the speaker's chair, and for his services was rewarded with the leadership on the floor, in so far as the speaker's favor could give it to him. When one remembers that Catchings originally and Crisp later were proteges of Senator Gorman of Maryland, he begins to get an idea of the wheels within wheels which go turning round here at the capitol.

Look Out For Morrison. Personal friendships play an important part in the careers of public men. It stands an ambitious man well in hand to make and hold all the friends he can, for he does not know when the moment will arrive in which a genuine friendship or the lack of it will prove vital at some critical moment. The strongest political and personal alliance known to the recent history of American politics is that existing between Morrison, Mills and Carlisle. It has made speakers, senators, party policies, and the members of this trio and their immediate followers have not yet abandoned hope of making one of their number president of the United States. Morrison is the man who is to be pushed for the succession to Cleveland, and not Carlisle. There are astute men in Washington who say the Illinoisian is the rising star.

In the last congress another such combination was formed, though of younger men. It is a pity the members were not able to hold their places in public life and by standing together see what they could do as an organized force, with friendship as the cement bond. They were four young representatives, all serving their first terms: Tom Johnson of Ohio, Ben Cable of Illinois and George Fred Williams and Sherman Hoar of Massachusetts. Four finer, cleverer, more able and more promising young men it would have been difficult to find. Each had genuine affection for the other. But now Johnson is the only one left, and he is making his mark in the house as he is making a big fortune as a manufacturer in Pennsylvania and a street car magnate in Ohio. Cable hopes to be senator from Illinois, while Williams and Hoar have returned to their law practice in Massachusetts.

Gorman's Many Friends. For a man with a cold exterior Senator Gorman has about as many friends as any one in the upper branch of congress. He is another of those men, like Blaine and Gresham, who have the quality of attracting and winning. In Gorman's case, however, it is not so much a gift as an acquired art. Gorman and Brice are fast friends, and if you want to know how the two chums who know about all that is going on in the legislative or political world, and who are about as smart as they make 'em in this frail world, look at the man from Maryland and the man from Ohio. Gorman and Gene Hale are great friends, too, showing, as do many other similar instances, that personal friendships among public men are not bound by party lines at all.

You could travel a great many miles without coming upon two faster cronies than Butler of South Carolina and Dan Cameron of Pennsylvania, the one a Democrat and the other a Republican. So it goes all through the senate. There is a splendid example for these nonpartisan friendships found in the case of Allen G. Thurman and George F. Edmunds. Though leaders of the opposing forces in the senate of their day, they were the warmest kind of friends, snuffed out of each other's box, and each knew where the other had his bottle secreted in the library of his committee room.

Joe Blackburn and Senator Squire, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, are fast friends. So are Gorman and Aldrich. An odd combination is that of Vest and Quay. They may be found together half the time.

Reed and Sherman. Senator Sherman has few intimate friends, but enjoys the greatest respect and admiration from both sides of the chamber. His nearest friend in Washington is Senator Hoar, to whom he is also related. McMillan, one of the really fine gentlemen of our modern commercial and public life, is a chum of Allison's as well as his near neighbor on Vermont avenue. Callahan and Platt, two tall, thin, lank men of the Abraham Lincoln stripe, are much together.

Over in the house there are no warmer friends than that trio of brilliant fellows—Boutelle of Maine, Burrows of Michigan and Doolittle of Iowa. Inasmuch as it seems to be the style nowadays to form coteries for personal pleasure and political advantage, perhaps it would be a good idea to keep an eye on these three men in the near future.

ROBERT GRAVES.

RAIL RUMBLINGS.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at their recent session in Boston adopted resolutions favoring the abolition of Sunday trains.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company on its various locomotives that run between Jersey City and Pittsburgh burns over 12,000 tons of coal a day. The cost of the coal each day is about \$10,000.

Five years ago all berths on sleepers were made up with the feet to the engine, but now on most lines the practice is reversed. On an elevator no one objects to going up, though a descent is often disagreeable.

A single order for seventy-one standard and railway locomotives was placed with an eastern engine-building firm by a western railroad company a short time ago. Forty-two are to be built immediately, the remainder early in the year. It is one of the largest single orders on record.

Doubtless the announced economies on the Pennsylvania railroad will recall to many persons Tom Scott's early stroke of economy when he saved so many thousands a year by simply ordering that the "bright work" of the Pennsylvania locomotives, the pride of a hundred engineers, should be painted black to save the expense of polishing.

GREAT COMPOSERS.

Sullivan's first effort for public performance was the music for Shakespeare's Tempest. It was given in 1892.

Tartini was a fencing master, but by a lucky quarrel was compelled to change his occupation from fencing to music.

Reubenstein's first teacher was his mother, and his first concert tour as a virtuoso was made when he was not quite ten years of age.

Raff was a schoolteacher who studied music after the day's work of teaching the children of a country school had been concluded.

Schubert, one of the greatest musicians of his day, is now known only by the "Cat Fugue," a comical imitation of the mewling of cats.

Mozart's Requiem was left unfinished at his death and was completed by Schickelmeier, who repeated the fugue found at the beginning.

Piccini wrote one hundred and thirty-three operas, a number of oratorios, thirty-two masses and an immense quantity of other music for the church and stage.

CURIOUS FACTS.

Mr. Stanley states that between 1777 and 1807 3,000,000 African slaves were sold in the West Indies alone.

The making of lucifer matches is a state monopoly in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Roumania and Serbia.

There are 4,582 cigarmakers established in Germany, employing 136,998 persons. The number of retailers is estimated at 800,000.

The highest waves ever met with in the ocean are said to be those off the Cape of Good Hope. Under the influence of a northwesterly gale they have been known to exceed forty feet in height.

Some Chinese coins are but one-twentieth the value of an American cent. The celestial kingdom has many enthusiastic coin collectors. In one notable collection there are more than 150,000 varieties of cash, the oldest of which date back as far as 2300 B. C.

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST.

In London a "Common Sense Cooking association" is beginning prosperously.

The Paris opera house cost at the rate of \$3,300 a seat. The Vienna opera house cost \$80 a seat.

MOR JOKAI is to have a dinner given to him in London as the creator of modern Hungarian literature.

A TRIPLE somersault is turned by Mme. Adeline Antonio, of Bucharest, performing in London, during a drop from a high trapeze.

The name most whispered now as the strongest candidate for pope is Leo XIII. is Mgr. Dominico Jacobini, the papal nuncio in Lisbon.

Dr. BORN, at one time surgeon of the city of Rome, says in the Lancet that administrations of chloroform and attention to diet will insure the passenger immunity from seasickness.

IN THE PRISONS.

IDAHO has 120 convicts, all males.

MICHIGAN has 563 convicts, all males. The convicts of New Hampshire number 137.

MARYLAND has 674 convicts, of whom 497 are unmarried.

CALIFORNIA convicts each cost the state 32 cents a day. The cost of prison subsistence in Colorado is 11 cents a day.

NEVADA has 104 convicts employed in making boots and shoes.

VIRGINIA convicts are hired out to shoe contractors and railroads.

MINNESOTA has 313 white convicts, sixteen colored and one Indian.

The North Carolina penitentiary contains 200 white and 921 colored convicts.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The San Francisco midwinter fair is to be open on Sunday as on other days.

Mrs. SARAH WARREN, colored, died at Altoona, Pa., recently, at the age of 117 years.

APPLICATION was made at the New York post office a few days ago for mourning stamps, and the applicant expressed great disappointment when he was told that the government did not keep any in stock.

The daughter of the late Prof. Windscheid, the famous German authority on Roman law, has been graduated from the University of Heidelberg with the degree of Ph. D., the first woman to be admitted to the old seat of learning with the privilege of taking her degree.

A ZONE RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Recent trip in the Passenger Train in Hungary.

A remarkable revolution in railway traveling was brought about in Hungary some years ago by the introduction of cheap fares and the zone system, says the London News. The fares were lowered from about 40 to 80 per cent, and the country divided into zones, having Buda-Pesth as their center. The first zone is fifteen miles

long, the second to the twelfth are each nine miles, the twelfth and thirteenth fifteen miles, and the fourteenth includes all the rest of the country. The fare for each zone is 10d. first-class, 5d. second and 3d. third; while the rates are reduced one-half for parties of workmen.

What the new system has accomplished is shown by a report just issued by the Hungarian government, dealing with the working of the state railways for the years 1891 and 1892. From 9,000,000 passengers carried in 1891, the year previous to the introduction of the zone system, the number has risen to over 25,500,000, an increase of 216 per cent. This result is almost entirely due to the new system, the augmentation being six times greater than on the Austrian railways during the same period.

The receipts have improved to the extent of 40 per cent. The third-class carriages were abolished last year on express trains running beyond the short distances. The growth of the traffic in the first zone by the ordinary trains has been as much as 627 per cent, mostly in the third-class. It is noteworthy that the first and fourteenth zones, or the shortest and longest distances, give the largest results, both in the number of persons carried and in the receipts.

RECEIPTS FOR HUMAN PRODUCE.

To MAKE A "DEVIL."—First catch a gentleman, then fleece him, stir up continually with summonses and writs, strain through the bankruptcy court, then put into the city.

To MAKE A MODERN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.—Take an American, one part lady, two parts soubrette, dress extravagantly; plunge into McJannet society; let simmer for several seasons; then add a titillated husband.

To MAKE A MODERN ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.—Wash a large, red-stock jobber; brush and trim; baste all over with money; arrange in a luxurious west-end house, surround with puff-paste; then serve up hot. Will keep for months.

To MAKE A LITERARY CELEBRITY.—Half educate a vain youth at Oxford; let him grow; dip into erotic French literature; add one idea, chop it small; lop off the whole. Give a grotesque name, then serve up as a rival to Milton, Sheridan and Shakespeare.

To MAKE AN ART CRITIC.—Open the top and extract the intelligence of a raw Briton boy; fill up with self-conceit; clean, brush and trim; rub against a handful of similar obscure and inexperienced lads; add a glass of cheap sherry on press view days, then serve up cold in the columns of the Penny Postivist. A maigre dish.

To MAKE A FASHIONABLE ENTERTAINMENT.—Put into a few small rooms some three hundred overdressed men and under-dressed women, a minor royal, and two or three alien millionaires; sprinkle over a teaspoonful of principle, a quarter of a teaspoonful of good breeding and a tablespoonful of pretension; then add music, supper and champagne. Let the whole stew gradually.—London Truth.

WOMEN'S DOINGS ABROAD

Miss ALICE GOODALL is the only woman filling an editorial chair in India. She conducts the Simla Guardian.

Miss SARAH BERNHARDT is about to publish her memoirs, which will probably fill two volumes.

Miss GREEN, a young lady from Cardiganshire, is the present English governess to the emperor of Germany's children.

MME. SCHLEMMANN is fulfilling the promise made by her late husband, and is personally superintending the work of excavations at Troy, for which his name is so famous.

Miss EDITH SIMON has for several years been employed on an important work which Messrs. Swan-Sonnen-schein, of London, are to publish the present year. It is entitled "Primitive Civilizations," and is said to break new ground.

LADY CONSTANCE LYTON is among the most able lady journalists of the day. She inherits her literary qualities, as her father was the late earl of Lytton, formerly viceroy of India and afterward English ambassador in Paris.

WHERE THE MONEY IS.

The world's money forms a very small part of its wealth. The amount now in use is estimated by Mullhall as £780,000,000 of gold, £801,000,000 silver, £840,000,000 paper; total, £2,421,000,000.

In Denmark the value of real estate has increased £190,000,000 in thirty-seven years. This result is due to the breaking up of the large estates of the nobility and their purchase by the peasantry.

STATISTICIANS estimate that in Great Britain there are 700 millionaire families, 9,650 "very rich," 148,250 "rich," 730,000 in "moderate circumstances," 8,008,000 "struggling to keep up" and 3,916,000 "poor."

The value of land in Great Britain rose enormously during the Canadian and American wars of the last century, and increased still further during the French wars, owing to the demand for grain and its advanced price.

The official classification of French houses in 1868 showed that 156,000 were inhabited by the nobility and gentry, 358,000 by merchants and commercial people, 2,167,800 by "tradesmen" and 4,453,000 by laborers and operatives.

THE WORLD'S POLICE.

PERIN has 4,800 police stations. DUBLIN, with a population of 350,000, has 1,146 police.

The Hawaiian islands have sixty police regularly employed as such.

MISSOURI has 266,000 population and 235 police. Arrests last year, 3,995.

NEW ORLEANS has 242,000 and 974 police. Last year arrests numbered 12,192.

The police stations of St. Louis in 1892 gave lodging to 11,784 destitute persons.

The London police rely on their fists in the daytime. At night they carry clubs.

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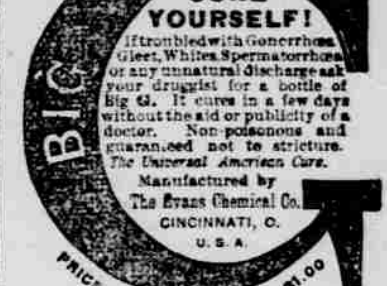
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